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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed 11/01/01, kindly
amend the claims as follows:

✓Cancel claims 1 - 8 and replace them with the following
new claims:

B' -- 9. A method of operating a system for generating
electrical power from a source of input energy occurring at variable
rates including first rates at which the input energy can be safely

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